**Depletion of Extractable Reserves**

616. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the current level of consumption of Iron Ore the extractable reserves at the Rajhara and Dalli Iron Ore mines would get depleted soon, threatening closure of the Bhilai Steel Plant;

(b) if so the balance extractable reserves of Iron Ore at these mines and by when the Bhilai Steel Plant would face closure due to inadequate iron ore;

(c) the iron ore reserves and its quality at Rawghat and for how long its clearance has been pending, the reasons, and the present stage of allotment/ clearance of this mine to Bhilai Steel Plant; and

(d) the other mining areas under consideration of the Bhilai Steel Plant, their reserve position, and their present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The balance extractable reserves as on 1.4.95 at Dalli and Rajhara group of mines is estimated at 205 m.t. However, the difficult mining conditions may inhibit full exploitation of these available mining reserves. At the current level of consumption the iron ore reserves at Dalli-Rajhara are expected to fully meet the requirements of Bhilai Steel Plant upto 1998-99.

(c) As per the report of Geological Survey of India reserves and quality of Iron Ore deposite at Rowghat are as under:

| Deposit | Reserves (Million tonnes) | Fe (%) |
|---|---|---|
| A | 48.0 | 62.58 |
| B | 84.0 | 30.27 |
| C | 84.0 | 57 to 60.57 |
| D | | |
| E | 26.0 | 52.93 |
| F | 498.0 | 59 to 64 |

The mining lease proposal of SAIL had been approved in May 1991 subject to Forestry and Environmental clearance, which is pending.

(d) There is no large iron-ore deposits, except Rowghat, in the vicinity of Bhilai.

**Abolition of State Minority Commission in Rajasthan**

617. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan is following the footsteps of Gujarat and Maharashtra in abolishing the State Minority Commission; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI ASLAM SHER KHAN): (a) The Central Government has no information about the proposal of the Government of Rajasthan if any to abolish the State Minority Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

**इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के विमानों से खुजराहो मंदिर को पहुंची क्षति**

618. **श्री गोविन्द राम मिरी:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि इंडियन एयरलाइन्स और अन्य एयरलाइनों के विमान चालकों द्वारा विश्व प्रसिद्ध खुजराहो मंदिर के ऊपर से विमान उड़ाए जाने के कारण इस मंदिर को भारी क्षति पहुंची है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के अधिकारियों द्वारा भोपाल में भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण के